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REMARKS

By the above actions, claims 3, 4, 8, 12, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 26, and 27 have been amended, and claims 1, 2, 6, 7, 10, and 11 canceled. Additionally, attached hereto is a new sheet of drawings labeled NEW, which adds Figures 6 and 7.

Applicant gratefully acknowledges the indication of allowable subject matter with respect to claims 8 and 12. Thus, claims 8 and 12 have been rewritten in independent form, with all the remaining dependent claims depending therefrom. Accordingly, claims 8, 12 and their dependent claims are allowable.

A species restriction was made in the last Office Action. Applicant confirms the oral election of species 1, claims 1-32.

The drawings were objected as failing to show every claimed feature. This deficiency has been overcome by the new drawing sheet referred to above which presents new Figures 6 and 7. The specification has been amended above to refer to the new figures. Figure 6 is a duplicate of Figure 2 with the addition of the auxiliary locking drive shown schematically attached to transmission lever 8, as described in the specification. Figure 7 is a duplicate of Figure 1 with the addition of the motorized opening drive and motor shown schematically operating the blocking element 6, as described in the specification. It is submitted that these Figures merely represent what was present in the specification and that no new matter has been added by their submission. All of the claim features are now shown in the drawings, with the features of claims 20 and 21 shown in Figure 6 and the features of claims 4, 5, and 27-32 shown in Figure 7. Therefore, the objection to the drawings should be withdrawn and such action is hereby requested.

The Abstract of the Disclosure was objected to due to the presence of the term invention. The Abstract has been amended removing that term so that withdrawal of the objection to the Abstract is in order and is requested.

The specification was objected to due to a minor typographical error, which has been corrected by the present amendment. Thus, this objection should also be withdrawn

Claims 20 and 21 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the enablement requirement because of the phrase "the motor vehicle lock

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further comprising an auxiliary locking drive, wherein the auxiliary locking drive is coupled to the transmission lever and wherein the latch can be moved into the main locked position by the auxiliary locking drive via the transmission lever." Figure 6 now shows an auxiliary locking drive 22, which is coupled to the transmission lever 8. As would be readily understood by one of ordinary skill in the art, the transmission lever 8 rotates into the main locked position and such rotation can be effected by a drive connected to the lever 8. Figure 6 shows a schematic representation of an auxiliary drive that moves the lever 8 as described in the original specification. It is submitted that the new drawing figure and clarification of the specification fully enable this claim feature without the addition of new matter. Accordingly, the § 112 rejection of these claims should now be withdrawn.

Claims 1-7, 10, 11, 14-19, and 26-28 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 3,386,761 to Johnstone et al. Claims 1-3, 6, 7, 10, 11, 14-19 and 26 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 4,298,223 to Raffelsiefer et al. Claims 4, 5, 27, and 28 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Raffelsiefer and further in view of Johnstone. As claim 1 has been canceled and all remaining dependent claims now depend from allowable claim 8 or 12, these prior art rejections are most and are requested to be withdrawn.

It is respectfully submitted that the all of the claims are now allowable and that the application is in condition for allowance. A prompt notice to that effect is respectfully requested. However, should further issues require resolution prior to allowance, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned in order that the further prosecution of this application can thereby be advanced.

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